

# Entertainment Features of the Fair Provide Amusement for Everybody

By P. A. BARROWS.

**T**HE state fair management expects to give the people who attend the Nebraska exposition this year something as a thriller which will exceed anything ever before seen. They have engaged Lincoln Beachey, the man who not only loops the loop in an aeroplane, but flies upside down, sideways and in every other way. He has made the birds attempt daring stunts in their efforts to out-fly the man who has invaded their airy domain and has the audacity to perform aerial tasks which they heretofore have not dared to attempt. No bird was ever seen flying upside down, yet Lincoln Beachey will fly upside down in his aeroplane, shooting down and up, to the left and to the right, providing, of course, that he does not get killed attempting his mad flights before reaching Lincoln.

Just how this reckless daredevil ever conceived the idea of flying upside down and how he started out in the flying business is an interesting story as related by Mr. Beachey himself:

"When I was a young fellow 13 years of age I began to study aviation and gasoline motors. That was just thirteen years ago. I lived in San Francisco and made but little progress until after the fire, when I went to Portland, Ore., and succeeded to give me a position with Captain Baldwin to fly his dirigible. I was successful from the start and soon came into great demand among the owners of dirigibles, later building one of my own, with which I made \$1,000 in one year. I was engaged to fly my dirigible during the first aviation meet in Los Angeles. It was the time Paulhan, the Frenchman, flew there. That gave me my first glimpse of an aeroplane in flight. I was astounded at the sight and knew that I must take up the aeroplane. The call of the sky rang in my ears and heart.

It took me a full year to induce Glenn Curtiss to give me a chance. I trailed him from city to city and finally forced him to take me on as a pupil to get rid of me. I smashed two machines in two weeks and he called me aside and told me I was not cut out for a flier and that he was through with me. But I had a contract and made him give me another machine, and it was never smashed.

"Then I became filled with a mad desire to outfly every other man in the game. I investigated the much talked of air pockets, vortexes, Swiss cheese holes and other alibis so near to the heart of the novice flier. I soon found that there were no such things. I learned that the one thing to master was the knack of combining thought and action to a superlative degree. I succeeded remarkably well and while giving exhibitions at the pumpkin fairs and small town carnivals, I was getting the experience and practice necessary to startle other aviators.

"In July, 1911, I flew a few feet above the swirling whirlpool rapids of Niagara Falls, diving under the suspension bridge and into a malstrom of cross currents which any scientist will declare impossible to navigate. Curtiss threatened to fire me.

"A few weeks later I entered the big Chicago meet. There were forty of the greatest navigators in the world there. Beachey was a novice to them. But on the first windy day, when the rest were sailing around, I took to the air and did spirals, dives and stunts that the crowd wild. But I also broke the world's altitude record. The officials were indignant and ordered me off the field, but the public would not stand for it and I woke up next morning to find myself the sensation of the day. Fabulous sums were offered for my appearance at other meets and a premium to put on my stunts. Then other aviators tried to emulate my stuff. They did not know that constant practice and study alone was responsible for my success. One by one they tumbled out from the sky, and 'Daredevil Beachey' got the credit for their deaths.

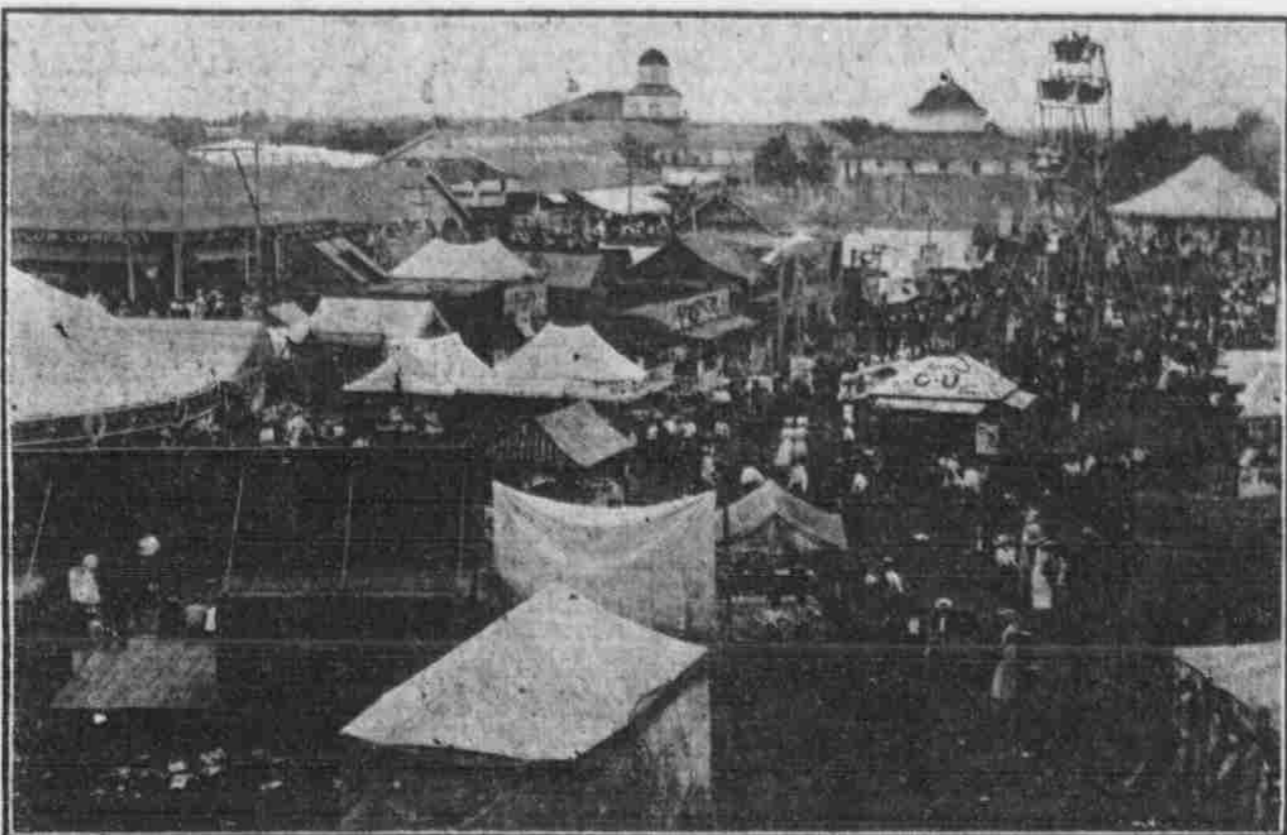
"I kept at it and invented other tricks and became sufficiently dextrous enough to make an aeroplane fly many ways that Curtiss and the Wrights pronounced impossible.

"A year ago I built a small tractor machine in the Curtiss shop and shipped it to San Diego. I meant to loop the loop in it, but this I kept to myself. One day I told Curtiss what I was going to do. He looked at me pityingly and shook his head.

"Beachey" says he. "I've thought you knew what you were doing, but if you really mean that you think it possible to loop the loop I believe you are crazy, and you can never fly another machine of mine."

"He ordered the machine kept out of my reach and the next day I gave up flying. I felt hurt that Curtiss had so little faith in me. A month later Orville Wright complimented me on 'putting ever' a lot of good publicity in the way of fake stories about looping the loop, and he knew it was impossible to perform the feat. When I told him that I had been diving vertically, dropping 2,000 feet, during all my exhibitions, for six months, and that on three occasions I had actually flown upside down at a right angle, he patted me on the shoulder and said: 'I'm glad you have quit flying if it has affected your head in this manner.'"

"Imagine that coming from the man



ON "THE MIDWAY" AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR.

## What the 1914 Fair Will Demonstrate

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Because Nebraska stands second in the capita value of her swine.

Because in everything that counts for agricultural value no state in the union can compete with her.  
And all this will be demonstrated when the gates are opened for the 1914 exposition.  
The women of the state are taking a keen interest in the fair. In addition to the domestic and fine arts department the exposition management has attempted to set forth the latest advancement in solving the problems connected with home life, both rural and city. The modern labor saving devices are exhibited.  
Patrick Conway's band, assisted by five state bands, furnishes the music. There are free concerts morning, afternoon and evening. Conway's band is assisted by a number of grand opera singers of international reputation.  
The vaudeville amusements are both clean and entertaining. Slayman Ali's Wild Motors will appear in whirlwind athletic work. The six Van Diemens will give the latest in aerial tumbling. Teddy Bros., the Benedettes and other vaudeville features will supply the comedy. Free entertainments are given each afternoon and evening before the grandstand.  
Under the direction of Superintendent W. J. O'Brien there will be a fish exhibit that will attract anglers and sportsmen.

The resources of Nebraska are but vaguely understood. Only the wise fishermen know the game fighters are found. O'Brien has the exhibits which convince the most doubters. The fish building is one of the most attractive pieces on the fair grounds.  
More than 100 boys last year availed themselves of the privileges offered by the boys' state fair school encampment. Competent instructors gave courses in agriculture, athletics and farm management. Visits were made to the live stock and agricultural exhibits as well as to points of interest about Lincoln. This will again be a feature.  
The educational exhibit under the charge of Superintendent Anna V. Day offers opportunities to the school children of the state and in the new agriculture-horticulture hall will be housed these products of the school rooms.  
At the fair grounds there will be telephone offices, telephones, a postoffice, barber shop and all the conveniences of a modern city will be accessible to patrons. Education, inspiration, amusement and recreation are provided for in the program of the 1914 state fair. It is the ambition of the management to reflect the prosperity of the Nebraska farmers and set forth as fully as possible the boundless resources of one of the best states in the union.

whose invention I was proving had limitless possibilities. I know nothing of flying any other machine, but a Curtiss, and it would take me a year to master any other sufficiently to do my stunts, so I just got disgusted and quit. Then came the feat of Pegaud, the Frenchman, first flying upside down and describing the letter 'S' elaborating the 'Z' and just what I had been doing last year, describing the complete loop. I never felt so angry in my life. I cabled Curtiss, who was then in Europe, that he had cheated me out of my life's ambition and that the only way to stop the hurt was to let me build a machine and outdo everything they were doing in Europe. He proved as enthusiastic as I was and cabled back not only the permission, but added that

not in all Europe were they doing what I had been doing. So I rushed the machine together, building it as strong as possible, and went to San Diego to get my tools back. I am not flying for money. Not that I do not get big sums for my appearance in public, but it is not the lure of gold that is making me fly.  
"Do not let them tell you I am foolish or hare-brained. It took me six months to work into that dive of mine, falling 2,000 feet, in a 1,500-pound machine at a speed of 300 miles an hour. Had I not accustomed myself to the stunt by long practice gradually working into it, the rush of air would have killed me as it kills a person falling from a high building even before the ground is struck."

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## Lincoln's Parks

Lincoln might as well be called a Park city. Not because of the number of its parks, for it has but few, but because as a whole it is one beautiful park which extends out over the entire city limits and out into the suburbs. Its shady walks stretching for miles in either direction have been responsible more than anything else for the lack of enthusiasm in park development, for when a man has trees galore, green grass in abundance and shady nooks right at his door he not quite as apt to think of the park situation as he would be if the sun had the opportunity to pour its hot rays on house and lawn unhindered by shady trees.

However in late years Lincoln people have begun to consider the park question and today Lincoln people enjoy the privilege of parks, though few they may be. Of the parks within the city, clean enough so that the people may reach them in a short walk is to be found Antelope park, the most pretentious of them all. The park is situated in the southeastern portion of the city and extends for more than a mile along the Antelope valley where natural shade trees contribute to its comfort. This park is equipped with a "zoo" and a large number of animals, such as buffalo, deer, elk, bear, etc., can be found within its limits. The state capital grounds is a popular place for people to gather on a warm evening. Its beautiful trees and shady lawn covered with a thick growth of green grass make it an ideal place for the weary citizen, while on an occasional evening the Nebraska State band discourses sweet music to the enjoyment of the people.

City, or what is more familiarly called, "E Street park," is situated near that part of the city where the poorer class of people can easily find a place to rest. It is situated near the railroad yards and in close proximity to hundreds of homes where the chance to spend a warm evening in a cool place is appreciated. Band concerts are given for their amusement, and it is becoming a popular resort not only for the people who live near by, but for others and it is frequently the case that several thousand people gather in the little park and listen to the band.

Amusement parks are Epworth Lake park, where each year the chautauqua known all over the country as the Epworth assembly is held. It is a beautiful place and with its lake and boating has made it a place where many societies hold their annual outings. Lincoln park is another amusement place reached on the Epworth lake park line of the street railway and is well situated to the needs of picnics and other similar gatherings.

Capital Beach, however, is the real amusement park of the city. This park is situated about two miles west of the city and is the place where people go who want to enjoy motion pictures, swings and similar things. There is a big lake of something like a thousand acres in connection with the park and it is here where people go for their boating and enjoy a bath in the big salt lake pool.



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